

# *The Wave*      **MARCH 2020**

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church-on-the-Canal - Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts*

## *A MESSAGE FROM REV. PATTIE HANDLOSS*

Lent often comes to us with foreboding. We spend 40 days making amends for our sins. We remove something harmful or undesirable from our lives and manage the loss for 40 days. And nothing in our lives usually changes.

I would propose this year that we add something to our lives, that we treat our bodies as the very holy temples of the spirit that they are. God wants us to be whole. Lent offers us an opportunity to focus our attention on our lives. It is a gift of time. Please take it.

What I hope for you is a Lent that creates a holier life, a life of gratitude, a life of love. I pray for you that you will gain a sense of gratitude for the life we have and the life we are going to have.

Blessings for a Holy Lent,

Pattie+

## *STATIONS OF THE CROSS*

The Stations of the Cross are a wonderful way to spend a little time remembering and praying about Our Lord's journey to the Cross. This year Lisa Platanitis will lead us in music from Taize on the first and the last Thursday of the Lenten journey, March 5 and April 2. The theme of this year's Lenten evening will be "Walking in Love" using the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's book as the basis for the Walk of the Stations.

The Lenten Sermons will also be on the theme of the journey of love that leads us to Easter.

## *THE VISIBLE VESTRY*

The February Vestry meeting was held on Monday, February 17, 2020

- The minutes from the January meeting were approved.
- Financial Report – Dianne Cartmill gave the vestry an update of our finances
- Dianne Cartmill shared with the vestry an updated draft of the budget for 2020.
- A few parishioners have paid their pledges in full.
- The committee continues to work on the parish profile and hope to have it completed shortly.
- Margery Buckingham will serve as Deanery Representative.
- St. Peter's will be hosting a Congregational Business Practices workshop on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Dianne Cartmill, Lynne Brune, Alan Kershaw, Celeste Hankey and Kathy Letzeisen will attend.
- In March, envelopes will be distributed for a one time donation to replenish the Capital Campaign account. Money has taken out of this account for the restoration and repair of the stained glass windows.
- We are looking into improving the lights in the church.
- The repair to the steeple and ceiling upstairs will be covered by insurance with only a \$1,000 deductible.

The next Vestry meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2020.

### **Vestry Retreat February 22, 2020**

- The Vestry reviewed the agenda for the day.
- The Vestry broke into small groups to discuss the following: Administration, Communications, Outreach, Parish Life and Pastoral Care.
- Administration – We are going to review the By-Laws – Donna, Alan and Celeste will be on this committee. Len and Dianne are on the Stewardship Committee. We would like to start a Finance Committee but are waiting until after the Congregational Business Practices meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion as to what, if anything, can be done with the open space to the side of the church. We have to fix the chimes. Lynne and Celeste will work on inventory of the church. Robin and Celeste will update the bulletin boards.
- Communications – Newcomer packets are almost ready. We will have name tags for all parishioners. We are looking into streaming our services on cable.
- Outreach – We have many, successful outreach programs – no changes here.
- Parish Life – we would like to have quarterly joint Sunday services followed by some sort of meal. Some people would enjoy Morning Prayer occasionally. We're going to have a Did You Know – a little blurb about parts of the church. We need more help with coffee hour. We need more acolytes, ushers and altar guild members. We would like to be involved with Canal Day as a fund raiser.
- Pastoral Care – we should be using our LEVs more. We would like to reestablish the library. We send cards to shut-ins – we need donations of cards and stamps.

Celeste Hankey, Senior Warden

## *ABOUT LENT MADNESS*

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck (<http://www.clergyconfidential.com/p/about-father-tim.html>). In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential (<http://frcim.wordpress.com/>)" which has subsequently moved locations and become "Clergy Confidential (<http://clergyconfidential.blogspot.com>)."

([https://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ResizeImageHandler.ashx\\_.jpeg](https://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ResizeImageHandler.ashx_.jpeg))

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. **If you are not sure about terminology, check out our glossary (<https://lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01LENT-MADNESS-GLOSSARY.pdf>). It's free!**

The major change from 2010 to 2011 was the introduction of four "celebrity bloggers" to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012 we partnered with **Forward Movement** (<http://forwardmovement.org/>) and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create our own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Along the way we've added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the *Saintly Scorecard*, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

We also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, USA Today, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

As Lent Madness continues to grow and evolve, what won't change is the essence of Lent Madness: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile.

We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon! (Once—this isn't Chicago).

Rev. Pattie Handloss

## *WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY*

The Weekly Bible Study, which looks into the weekly lessons, meets at 11 a.m. on Mondays.

## *WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

The Women's Bible Study, which meets twice a month and studies issues of importance and interest to women, will meet at 12:30 on Monday, March 9, and at 12:30 on Monday, March 23. Ladies, bring a bag lunch to enjoy; coffee and tea are provided. We hope to see you there!

## *MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING*

The Men's Breakfast Gathering meets once a month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, through June. The meeting this month will be **Saturday, March 21st at 8 a.m.** We meet at **Persy's Place**, located in **East Wareham** at 3198 Cranberry Highway, next to Upper Cape Realty. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Your brother in Christ, Ken Lihzis

## *WEEKLY E-MAIL FROM ST. PETER'S*

Each week we send out an email showcasing highlights of the coming week, the lessons for the next Sunday, those serving, and a calendar of events. We also use this community email as a means of notifying you of church service cancellations (in the event of inclement weather), of deaths in the parish family, and other emergent news. If you are not receiving this email and would like to, please send a note to Robin Higgins at [ptown.robin@yahoo.com](mailto:ptown.robin@yahoo.com) and we will add you to the mailing list. And if you have news you would like included, you can send that to Robin as well! Please note, this is not in any way a replacement for the WAVE. It is a means of reinforcing and reminding us of events and of disbursing information in a timely manner. Thanks for your support!

Robin Higgins

## *A NOTE FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE*

The Search Committee would like to thank you all for completing the surveys. There were so many wonderful responses and ideas.

We have been diligently working towards the completion of St. Peter's Parish Profile. We are almost there, adding pictures and fine tuning some areas. When completed, the Vestry and congregation will have an opportunity to review the profile to ensure that it best represents St. Peter's. Once it has been approved, it will be sent to the Office of Transitional Ministry and we will be able to post it on our newly revised website as well as the Diocesan Website. At that point, we will hopefully begin to receive names of potential applicants for our new Rector.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as well continue this journey together.  
Yours in Christ,

Matthew Bruce, Larry Higgins, Nancy Kennedy, Elisabeth Kershaw, Jim Lema, and Patti Metcalf

## *SAINT PETER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE*

Thank you for your Continued Support In our efforts to support the Coalition the change jug will continue to be available on the second Sunday of each month, but we will not be having another fundraiser this spring. Thank you for your continued support for the Bourne Substance Free Coalition. They are most appreciative of the support from St. Peters. Our neighbors at The Church of the Good Shepard in Wareham offer a monthly Addiction Drop-in Center on the Third Wednesday of every month. Held in their parish hall, it is a place where anyone suffering addiction, or who is dealing with a family member who is suffering, can stop in and receive information and advice on dealing with the issues surrounding this disease. They also offer free training in the use of NARCAN at these gatherings.

Please keep the Bourne and Wareham Substance Free coalitions in your prayers. We will be planning another educational presentation for the spring. The next meeting of our group will be on Monday, March 16th at 3:33 p.m. All are welcome; please join us.

With special thanks to God and our team, Bob and Nancy Sherwood, Jim and Jane Lema, Celeste and Jim Hankey, Donna Beers and our Treasurer, Diane Cartmill, and parish Secretary Kathy Letzeisen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Higgins

## ***THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET NEEDS YOUR HELP!***

St. Peter's has for several years provided aid to the families living temporarily at the Village at Cataumet. Parishioners have supplied various needs, choosing a different category each month to help these families. **For the month of MARCH we will be collecting COOKING AND SERVING ITEMS.** These can be left in the Narthex in the provided baskets under the pews. Children's clothing in good condition is accepted every month. Thank you to all parishioners who participate in this wonderful outreach. These donations have been so gratefully received by families who have endured a period of homelessness.

## ***ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS***

Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp charts have been posted for 2020 outside the Church Office. Please fill out a pink request form and submit it to the Church Office to make a request. Secretary Kathy will fill in the name(s) on the poster. Dates may be selected far in advance. Payment may be made at a later time but must be made before the chosen date (\$35 for flowers, \$7 for Sanctuary Lamp).

## ***MAINTENANCE NEEDS***

If you see something that needs to be done (a light that has burned out or some other maintenance project), write it on the list on the freezer in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!

## ***COFFEE HOUR WANTS YOU!!***

Have you signed up in the Narthex to help provide goodies for our coffee hour after the 10:00 service? Coffee is already made – your pastries and fruit will make it complete. Please help make this time of fellowship a delicious one as well. And speaking of fellowship, if you see someone new, please invite them to sit with you and have some good conversation. Welcome others as you would like to be welcomed!

## ***CAN WE E-MAIL YOU?***

We make THE WAVE available electronically to anyone who would prefer to receive it via e-mail. This enables us to save money on both paper and postage. When you send your e-mail address, along with your name and mailing address (for clarification) to [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net), she will add your name to a list, and you will receive the next month's newsletter by that means; subsequently your name would be removed from the print mailing list.

## *PRAYER CHAIN*

The Emergency Prayer Chain is up and running! When you have a prayer request, please contact Lynne Brune at 508-295-6146, or Priscilla Ellis at 508-563-7786.

If you would like to join the Emergency Prayer Chain and commit to praying for those in need, please contact one of the individuals listed above and specify if you would like to receive information by email or by phone.

Individuals will remain on the Prayer Chain for 2 weeks unless updated. All requests will be treated confidentially and only shared with those on the Prayer Chain. Please let us know if you would also like to add the prayer request to the Sunday bulletin.

## *CAPE COD AREA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS*

**CONSOLING PARTNERS / ADDICTION LOSS:** Meets on the third Wednesday of every month (March 18th), from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 324 Quaker Meeting House Rd., East Sandwich.

## *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

The Newsletter Deadline for the **April 2020** issue is Friday, **March 20**. Send all articles to Susan Hebb at [susanhebb@comcast.net](mailto:susanhebb@comcast.net).

**CALENDAR**  
**MARCH 2020**

Thursday, March 5	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 8		Daylight Savings Time Begins
Monday, March 9	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 12	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 15	9:00 a.m.	Prayers for Healing
Monday, March 16	7:00 p.m.	March Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, March 17	3:00 p.m.	Paper Pantry
Thursday, March 19	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 21	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Gathering
Monday, March 23	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 26	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

***UPCOMING DATES***

**Sunday, April 5 -- Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 12 -- Easter Sunday**

## *Weekly Schedule*

Sundays	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Mondays	10:00 – 4:00 11:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Church Office Open Bible Study Friendly Kitchen AA (Men's Closed Meeting)
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	AA (Co-ed Open Meeting)
Thursdays	8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Stations of the Cross
Fridays	10:00 – 4:00	Church Office Open

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